

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] Each module 12, 14, 16, 18 contains a type identifier 41, 42, 43, 44, respectively to identify the type of module. An identifier reader 51, 52, 53, 54 can determine, in conjunction for example with a processor 60 and a memory ~~61~~ 62, the type provided by identifier 41, 42, 43, 44, respectively. Each reader 51, 52, 53, 54 is connected by an input 71, 72, 73, 74, respectively, to the processor 60, for example by a data bus.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] If reader 51 registers a voltage solely at pin 141, the reader 51, which has a D-A converter can send a three-bit digital signal 001 to the processor 60. A table stored in memory ~~61~~ 62 can identify 001 as a vertical feeder. The processor 60 then automatically may undertake control steps, for example altering characteristics of a graphical user interface or altering other devices on line 10, or of stitching device 20 as a function of the type of device at the first location on the line 10.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] Thus memory ~~61~~ 62 can contain a database such as a table, with 000 identifying a horizontal feeder, 001 a vertical feeder and so on. Processor 60, which receives the bytes from the readers 51, 52, 53, 54 at known inputs 71, 72, 73, 74 thus knows exactly which type of device is at which location on the line 10.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

[0038] Fig. 6 shows an alternate embodiment in which the module 12 has a voltage source 112 connected to a type identifier 141. The voltage source 112 provides a unique voltage depending on the type of module 12 to a pin at identifier 241. The voltage which is read by reader 251 and sent to processor 60. For example 5 volts could indicate a vertical hopper, while 10 volts indicates a horizontal hopper, and this information is stored in memory ~~61~~ 62. The number of types of modules which then can be uniquely identified is a function of the range of voltage and sensitivity of an A-D converter.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] The type identifier alternately may include a timer chip which would supply a digital signal of unique time duration based on the type of module. The timer ~~ship~~ chip thus has a clock pulse combined with a counting circuit. The duration of the digital signal may then be identified by processor 60 to determine the type of device. For example, a duration of 200 milliseconds could identify a vertical hopper and a duration of 400 milliseconds a horizontal hopper.